

REMARKS

The Office Action of February 8, 2011, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over JP 09-241790 alone or in view of the patent to Kato et al., and further in view of the patent to Hollander or the patent to Hinrichsen.

Applicant notes that the Examiner was not persuaded by the test data provided for a single example. Thus, applicants are currently undertaking additional testing but, unfortunately, this testing has not yet been completed. As such, applicant has filed the present Request for Continued Examination together with a Request for Suspension of Action to give sufficient time to complete the testing and compile the test data for presentation to the Examiner. As soon as this data is available it will be forwarded to the Examiner.

In the meantime, applicant reiterates the arguments presented in the last filed Amendment and will provide the additional test data to further reinforce these arguments as soon as possible.

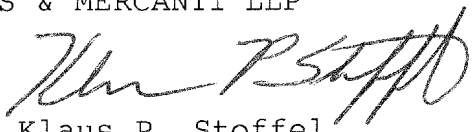
Favorable action on the present application is respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

Respectfully submitted,

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